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LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that violations of Iraq's airspace by United States, British and French aircraft continued over the period 1 to 15 November 1996 and that the aircraft in question carried out reconnaissance and engaged in acts of provocation, as set forth in the annex hereto.

You are requested to intervene with the countries in question with a view to bringing a halt to actions that, as flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law, pose a threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq.

These actions continue to alarm the civilian population and to cause serious damage to private and public property. The Republic of Iraq affirms its right to seek legal compensation for the damage being inflicted on the Iraqi people and the Iraqi State by these actions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Violations of Iraq's airspace and damage caused, 1-15 November 1996

1. In the northern region 86 sorties were flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, over the following Iraqi cities and towns: Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Koysanjak and Ayn Sifni.
2. In the southern region 760 sorties were flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, over the following Iraqi cities and towns: Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Artawi, Chabaish, Jalibah, Salman, Shatrah, Lasaf, Najaf, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah, Shaykh Sa'd South, Ali al-Sharqi, Diwaniyah, Busayyah, Suq al-Shuyukh, Taqtaqanah, Shinafiyah, Rifa'i, Kut, Ali al-Gharbi, Hayy, Qal'at Sukkar, Safwan, Nukhayb, Najaf South and Amghar.
3. On eight occasions United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated the Republic of Iraq's airspace in the southern region before leaving in the direction of Kuwait.



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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In the addendum of 12 November 1996 to my report of 1 October 1996 to the Security Council (S/1996/813/Add.1), I recommended that the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH) be renewed until 30 June 1997 if the Government of Haiti requested an extension. I subsequently received from President Préval the attached letter, dated 13 November 1996. In this letter, President Préval notes that, according to current estimates, it would take eight to twelve months for the Haitian National Police to be able to ensure a secure and stable environment and requests me to convey to the Council his wish that UNSMIH's mandate be extended.

In these circumstances I confirm my recommendation that the mandate be extended until 30 June 1997 but will be ready to submit a report on the progress of UNSMIH's efforts before the end of the mandate thus extended, if the Council so wishes.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI



Annex

[Original: French]

Letter dated 13 November 1996 from the President
of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

The United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH) has enabled significant progress to be made towards ensuring security and stability, thanks to the assistance it has provided, in particular, to the Haitian National Police.

However, after 30 November 1996, the international community's assistance in the area of public security will remain necessary to the Haitian Government. It will allow the National Police to become stronger and to reach a satisfactory level of effectiveness. According to estimates by the Government and UNSMIH experts, it would take eight to twelve months for the Haitian National Police to be able to ensure a secure and stable environment.

In this context, it would be extremely desirable for the UNSMIH mandate to be extended. Therefore, I should be grateful if you would transmit this request to the United Nations Security Council.

(Signed) René PRÉVAL



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LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1996 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1038 (1996) of 15 January 1996 and resolution 1066 (1996) of 15 July 1996, concerning the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP).

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Colonel Harold Mwakio Tangai of Kenya as Chief Military Observer of UNMOP, following the end of the tour of duty of the current Chief Military Observer, Colonel Göran Gunnarsson of Sweden on 27 November 1996. The duration of the appointment will be subject to consideration by the Security Council of UNMOP's mandate in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 1066 (1996).

I should be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI





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LETTER DATED 19 NOVEMBER 1996 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 14 November 1996 (S/1996/957) concerning the appointment of Colonel Harold Mwakio Tangai (Kenya) as Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They welcome the decision contained in your letter.

(Signed) Nugroho WISNUMURTI
President of the Security Council

